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GLADIATOR COMES TO THE CASTLE

AN EPIC of ancient Rome comes to Richborough Castle this summer when a giant inflatable screen will show Ridley Scott's hit movie *Gladiator*.

The screening on Thursday, August 13, is part of a county-wide project called Screen on the Green which shows films in appropriate out-door settings.

Russell Crowe stars in the popular and critically-acclaimed film about the rise to fame and fortune of a Roman soldier turned gladiatorial

■ BY NICK AMES

combatant named Maximus. It will be shown in the first large-scale fortification the Romans built during their invasion of Britain, which is also close to the site where the legions first came ashore.

The August series – which will be launched at St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury, with a screening of the Marilyn Monroe comedy *Some Like It Hot* – is the brainchild of 27-year-old Kent actor George Wood.

He said he was looking forward to

recreating the success his venture generated in London last summer and encouraged film fans to bring along a picnic and something to drink.

George said: "I always wanted to bring it to Kent because I think some of the towns here are badly served when it comes to cinemas and this is a really nice way to spend a summer's evening."

"But the films will become almost secondary to the beautiful venues they'll be shown in, some of which do not have the high profiles they deserve."

"We've tried to tailor the films to the

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Russell Crowe stars as Maximus in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*, which is to be shown on a huge inflatable screen at Richborough Roman Fort

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Villagers are revolting – but it's all for show

FURTHER details have been revealed concerning the theatrical performance set to encompass the village of Ash later this year.

A play is to be staged concerning the Swing Riots – civil disturbances which included the destruction of farm machinery in the 1830s.

The rioters were agricultural workers frightened that new technology would put their livelihoods at risk.

Their targets were the newly-invented threshing machines and the hayricks themselves.

The riots spread across east Kent and although there were many instances of destruction of machines and property, no-one was actually killed.

They were eventually suppressed by local landowners and militia.

Funding

Funding for the production, which is being put on by the Ash Heritage Group, has come from the Lottery Awards for All fund.

It is being directed by Claudia Leaf from the Thanet-based Chalkfoot Theatre Arts and the cast will consist of local people.

The play will use locations in the village as backdrops to re-enactments of the events.

The village hall, the Chequers Inn and the Cartwright and Kelsey School will all be used in this way.

The audience will follow the performers on foot for the duration of the two-hour show which takes place on Sunday, July 12.

Historical material from village archives have been used to make the show as authentic as possible.

There will be four shows during the day starting at 2pm 2.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm, featuring two casts.

Tickets, which cost £1, must be booked in advance and are available from the Welcome store.



PROTEST: a cartoon depicting the leader of the Luddites in the 1830s

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cars are the stars at technology school

SANDWICH Technology School held its first car show on Saturday.

Classics including Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Porsche and even David Hasselhoff's Knight Rider car were all on display during the event.

Some of the pupils' work was also shown, including a kit car which resembles an Aston Martin and a rebuilt Triumph Herald convertible.

Scalextric displays were also on display and visitors had the chance to race model cars.

Take your dog along to fun competition

PRIZE dogs will be on display at an event which has grown in popularity each year it has been held.

They will be part of a fun family competition on Sunday, July 5, being held alongside Colette's Horse Show, at the Barville Farm in Waldershare.

There will be classes for all kinds of dog, as well as show jumping and dressage events for horse-riding fans.

From colliery band to university position

A FORMER member of the colliery brass band at Betteshanger has been given a leading role at the University of Greenwich.

Chris Philpott started his musical career as the band's cornet player and later qualified as a teacher.

From September he will take on the job of Head of the School of Education and Training at the university.

Meeting a chance for tenants to air views

THE Dover District Council Sandwich Area Tenants' Group will meet in the Eastry Scout Hut, Wilmott Place, from 2-4pm on Tuesday, July 7.

Council tenants are welcome to attend and contribute their views.

Meetings are held every six weeks at various local venues, including Ash, Eastry, Preston and Sandwich.

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Gurkha band promises a very different sound

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Gurkha band is set to appear at St Mary's Church in Sandwich tomorrow (Thursday).

The highly-acclaimed military musicians play a mixture of popular tune and classics, while incorporating elements of their own traditional Nepalese music.

The Band of the Royal Gurkha Rifles is based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone. It is recruited from soldiers after they finish basic training and in many cases they have no experience of music at all.

Bandmaster Major Wayne Hopla said: "I go up to the base at Catterick when there is a vacancy and ask if anyone is interested in playing music."

"There are usually no shortage of volunteers as the soldiers come from a rich musical tradition."

"Folk tunes play an important part in the life of Nepal and the band incorporates this element into its performances. This makes them totally unlike any other military bands around."

The Band is technically not part of the Corps of Army Music but the Brigade of Gurkhas.

However the Corps of Army Music trains all the musicians that pass through the Royal Military School of Music to the same level.

They are an integral part of music in the British Army and the concert set for Sandwich is being eagerly anticipated.

Recently the band took part in the Freedom



TRADITIONAL: Nepalese dance is a major part of a performance by the Band of the Royal Gurkha Rifles

of Folkestone parade, which took place in front of civic dignitaries and actress Joanna Lumley who has championed the rights of the Nepalese soldiers to remain in the UK and live here after service in the Army, irrespective of the date they left.

The band members march at a faster pace and offer some very different elements to their musical capabilities beyond that of other regular bands which are part of the British forces.

These include Nepalese traditional music and dance performance as well as a rock band performed in their native language. This is very

popular both in the UK and in Nepal.

Among the music the musicians perform is a medley of Beatles hits as well as some show tunes and classical favourites.

Newcomers perform first as dancers while waiting for a vacancy in their chosen instrument.

Tickets for the show are available from the Sandwich tourist information office or the Sandwich Bookshop.

They are priced at £12.50 and the evening will also feature martial arts displays and traditional food and drink from Nepal will be on sale.



SUPPORT: Laura Sandys, left, with Griff Rhys Jones at the launch of the Civic Society Initiative

Societies unite with one voice

A GROUP bringing together civic groups across the UK has been launched, with Laura Sandys, Thanet South's Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, set to play a prominent role.

The Civic Society Initiative was launched by comedian Griff Rhys Jones in London's Covent Garden, scene of a successful civic society campaign against a six-lane road scheme in the 1970s.

Laura Sandys said: "This new initiative will provide a national voice for a local movement, providing civic societies with support in their locality, and a strong presence nationally."

"I urge our civic societies across Kent to support and respond to the new organisation."

"This is a time of change where the need for local action and democracy is greater than ever."

The Civic Society Initiative is being funded and supported by the National Trust, North of England Civic Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England, and Royal Institute of British Architects, among others.

Speaking at the launch, Griff Rhys Jones said: "The need for a vibrant civic society movement is greater than ever before and we are enormously grateful to the organisations that have rallied round with offers of financial and practical help."

Castle host to open-air film night

FROM FRONT PAGE

locations they're being screened at, so it should be great to watch a classic like *Gladiator* at Richborough Roman Fort. As soon as I suggested the idea to English Heritage, which owns the site, they loved it and were straight on board."

A former history student at the University of Manchester, George went on to star in the West End musical *Oliver!*, as well as become a presenter of the 1990s children's television show *The Disney Club*.

He came up with the idea for *The Screen On The Green* when he was temporarily forced to give up acting after breaking his leg in a scooter accident.

George said: "I had the idea of putting on open-air cinemas, which are quite a big deal in America."

"I obviously knew the weather could be a problem but I organised one in London and it completely sold out. I feel passionately about it being as successful in Kent and I hope people will see it as the ultimate night out."

Tickets for *The Screen On The Green* cost £8.50 and shows start at 8.15 pm.

Town receives the allegiance of 'limbs' at ancient ceremony

A HALLOWED ceremony is to be held this month, with the town receiving the allegiance of the three places still remaining as the 'Sandwich Limbs'.

The 'limbs' are towns which used to supply the local military authorities with cash for ships to deter French attack.

The tradition remains to this day and the ancient and colourful pageant takes place in the Guildhall courtroom on the evening of Wednesday, July 8.

The towns involved are Brightlingsea, Fordwich and Sarrem and their elected mayor deputies also receive their chain of office.

As a token of their allegiance, each Mayor Deputy pays "Ship Money" to the Mayor of Sandwich.

The Mayor Deputy of Brightlingsea pays 10 shillings or 50p in current currency, the Mayor Deputy of Fordwich pays 3 shillings and 4 pence - about 17p - and the Mayor Deputy of Sarre always pleads poverty because he or she



SHIP MONEY: The towns known as the limbs gave money to deter French attack

represents only a very small village.

Today these are just token payments, but the ceremony is always very well attended and entertaining and is viewed on the civic calendar as one of the town's most important links with its extremely interesting past history.

Last year's deputies were: Douglas Stone from Brightlingsea, June Hardcastle from Fordwich, and Clive Butler from Sarre.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Duke honours Fusionman



TOP FLIGHT: Yves Rossy, right, with Prince Philip

A SWISS pilot who flew across the Channel strapped to a jet-powered wing has been honoured at Buckingham Palace.

Yves Rossy, known as Fusionman, became the first man to cross the 22 miles from Calais to Dover with a homemade, single jet wing in September 2008.

He was invited to receive an award from the Air League in honour of his flight.

American pilot Chesley Sullenberger, who successfully landed his Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in New York earlier this year, was among those honoured at the ceremony.

M. Rossy was presented with an award for "an outstanding contribution to aviation as the first man to fly the English Channel on a jet-powered wing" by the Duke of Edinburgh, patron of the Air League.

Six hours in the saddle

A SIX-hour endurance ride is taking place at Fowlmead country park, near Deal.

The Fowlmead Enduro, is being held on Sunday, with camping available for competitors on the Saturday evening.

Participants can either ride for the full six hours or split it with a partner or team of three. Money raised will go to the British Heart Foundation.

The event is being hosted by Fowlmead Cycle Club with VC Deal and Activ Cycles of Folkestone. To sign up, call 01304 615390 or visit www.fowlmead.co.uk.

Sue takes the P&O helm

A NEW director has taken over the running of ports and terminal operations at P&O Ferries.

Sue Mackenzie, who joined the company four years ago as general manager for Dover, Portsmouth and Tilbury services, replaces Terry Cairns who is retiring.

She was previously operations director at Luton Airport after a career with the Army, where she named best female student at Sandhurst and was the first female officer with the Scots Guards.

Trickle-flow adds to pressure on cheats

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

WATER customers who refuse to pay their bills could see their supplies reduced to a trickle under new measures being discussed.

Folkestone and Dover Water Services (FDWS) has already indicated it would welcome the new enforcement powers "under the right circumstances and as a last resort" to stop abuse of the system.

This would see those who can pay but won't do so having to wait hours to fill their baths, endure dripping showers or spend ages topping up the kettle.

Under laws introduced in 1997, it is illegal for companies to simply cut off water supply to homes, which has been blamed for encouraging some customers to avoid paying.

This leaves water firms with millions of pounds of unpaid bills and the typical household facing an extra £11 a year on average.

A FDWS spokesman said: "Under the right circumstances and as a last resort, we would support the use of trickle-flow meters for those few customers with the means to pay who will



WATER TORTURE: Some companies want the right to install trickle-flow to reduce non-payment of bills

not pay bills. It would be important to ensure the customer has the means to pay before this action was taken and a trickle-flow meter would only be installed after all other demands for payment had failed and after repeated attempts to contact the customer had produced no results."

...but drainage cost 'will finish off scout troops'

SCOUT groups in the Dover district could be at risk of closure if new drainage charges imposed by water companies are introduced, *writes Marijke Cox.*

Recent guidelines set out by water watchdog Ofwat could mean scout troops, churches and sports clubs which own or rent clubhouses face bills of up to £600 a year from 2010.

For many this will be the final nail in the coffin as they struggle to cover costs, with scout groups forced to charge higher membership fees.

Currently, non-domestic properties are calculated based on the rateable value of a property, meaning voluntary and community groups are often exempt from charges.

But new guidance to water companies states bills can now be based on the site area, so extra money could be charged to cope with rainfall running from huts or car parks into drains.

Christine Rackham, chairman of the commit-

tee for the 1st Deal Scout Group, said this will inevitably lead to financial difficulties.

"This is worrying because money is always a problem when you're relying on people paying subs each week," she said.

"We would have to put the fees up if the new charges come in."

Mrs Rackham, who has been part of the 1st Deal Scouts for nearly 30 years, said the move by water companies could see the demise of some of the district's scout groups. "We would hopefully be able to continue, but I imagine it would have an effect on some troops," she said.

Cllr Julie Rook – a county councillor for Deal and a district council cabinet member – is also concerned.

"Scouts find it hard enough to survive financially without having another stealth tax thrust upon them," she said.

"If this goes ahead I'm sure Ofwat will start to roll this out to all community groups which

The company is already undertaking a massive metering programme which will eventually see all properties in the district using a 'pay-as-you-go' system, after it was the first in the country to be granted water scarcity status in January 2007.

It also coincides with a complete rebranding for the 150-year-old supplier, which is changing its name to Veolia Water with effect from today (Wednesday).

It has been part of the Veolia Water UK group of companies for over two decades and managing director David Walton said this would not lead to it losing its local roots.

He said: "It's all very straightforward and we will ensure that the changes will be made at a zero cost to customers."

"Veolia is the global leader in environmental services and as part of that group we can access considerable expertise, which is invaluable in planning a long term secure high quality water supply for our area."

"We believe that by combining our local knowledge with global expertise we can deliver an outstanding level of service."

The draft Flood and Water Management Bill, which contains the trickle-flow proposal, is out for consultation until July 24. To comment on the bill, go to www.defra.gov.uk.

rent or lease buildings, which will inevitably lead to closures."

A Southern Water official said the company would look at all the options before making a final decision.

"It's clear that there may be some benefits from area-based charges, including better incentives for customers to modify their behaviour by putting in place environmentally sustainable drainage solutions," she said.

"Against that we know that the switch can lead to changes in some customers' bills, including those that may not be in a position to respond by altering their facilities."

"Should we decide to make a switch, we will ensure we are mindful of the impacts on particular customer groups and will take advantage of Ofwat's commitment to allow phasing in of new charges over a number of years to protect customers from unexpectedly large increases in their bills."



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Stone's obscene 'art' on auction site

AN OBSCENE drawing by Chillenden murderer Michael Stone, pictured below, is being sold on eBay to raise cash to help the hammer killer.

Dr Shaun Russell, whose wife and daughter were killed by Stone, has described the sale as "repellent".

The picture has been advertised on the auction site by campaigner Alexander Baron, who believes Stone is innocent.

He runs a website which claims junkie Stone was wrongly convicted of the 1996 killing of Lin Russell, 45, and her daughter Megan, six. Her other daughter Josie, then nine, spent months fighting for life after the frenzied attack.

Mr Baron maintains Stone is innocent

and claims another hammer killer could be guilty of the Chillenden assaults.

Dr Russell said: "My initial reaction to the cartoon and the reasons for selling it was that it is repellent and distasteful."

Mr Baron, from Sydenham, wrote to our sister paper Kent on Sunday about the eBay offer. On the sale, posted on the US site, the details read: "In 1997, Michael Stone was fitted up for a notorious double homicide known as the Chillenden Murders. Supporters need to raise fifty grand for DNA tests and to investigate leads Kent Police refuse to follow up."

The sale is due to end on today. As we went to press, the obscene cartoon, which has no artistic merit, had received no bids.



Rural guardian lashes council's housing plans

PLANS for more housing across the Dover district have suffered another blow after the Campaign to Protect Rural England condemned the strategy.

The Kent and Dover branches of the organisation have attacked the proposals as "high risk, undeliverable and inappropriate".

The local development framework, which sets out Dover District Council's housing plans for the next 20 years, could see more than 10,100 homes built by 2026 - with almost half of them in Whitfield.

Brian Lloyd, a senior planner with the CPRE, has criticised the scheme, calling it "fundamentally wrong" for the council to embark on such a "damaging" strategy.

Public consultation on the plans ended two months ago and the district council is now deciding on the final number of homes it says are needed in the district.

But the CPRE has called for the strategy to be scrapped all together.

Mr Lloyd said: "We have called on the council to abandon this damaging, high-growth strategy and adopt one that is in line with the South East plan and one that is focused on the regeneration of Dover town."

His comments follow the publication of the Government's final regional spatial strategy which shows a planning and transport policy for each South East region for the next 15 to 20 years. It sets out a figure for Dover of 10,100 homes based on the district's Growth Point status, a Government-led scheme

■ BY MARIJKE COX

which offers support to communities which are pursuing large-scale, sustainable development. The council is seeking to allocate land for up to 14,000 homes and deliver a minimum of 10,100 by 2026. Mr Lloyd said: "The strategy will mean significant encroachment into the countryside and the use of green field land."

Charlie Elphicke, Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, is concerned about the South East plan, stating there is a lack of infrastructure to handle such growth.

"This plan threatens Whitfield and overdevelopment in Sholden. Too many houses are being proposed by the Government.

"We should look to create jobs before houses. There seems little in the report on road upgrades. We really need to think about a link from the A256 to Sholden. That could improve access to Deal and help reduce accidents on the A258. We also need the A2 dualled all the way down to the port."

A council spokesman said all views would be taken into account, but that it was too early to comment on representations made.

"We welcome all feedback on the core strategy and the CPRE is entitled to make representations as part of this.

"However, the council has to consider all comments before it makes a decision.

"We have done so consistently in getting this far and the strategy was drawn up after one of the most comprehensive public consultation exercises ever undertaken."

Sarah's friends take hike in her memory



FRIENDS and workmates of a Dover woman who died of cancer trekked from the port to St Margaret's and back in her memory.

Sarah White, who worked for the Home Farm Trust which offers support for people with learning difficulties, died in September, aged 54.

Her husband Jim joined friends and colleagues on the walk, which raised £400 for Macmillan Cancer.

Gillian Orman, regional fundraiser at the trust, said: "We all miss Sarah's friendship, her common sense, kindness and dedication to HFT and the people it supports."

Art exhibition and sale

AN ART exhibition and sale is being held this weekend at Barfreston Court Barn, near Dover.

Works by local artists will be on display on Friday and Saturday from 10am-6pm, and Sunday from noon-5pm.

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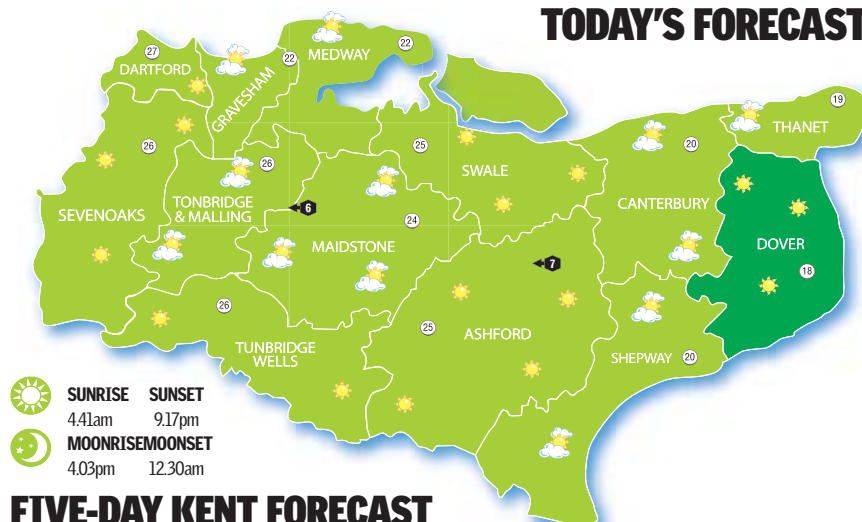
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Canterbury	21°C	23°C	24°C	24°C	23°C	Maidstone	26°C	25°C	26°C	25°C	23°C
Chatham	21°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	21°C	Ramsgate	21°C	23°C	24°C	24°C	23°C
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Dover	20°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	21°C	Sevenoaks	25°C	25°C	26°C	24°C	22°C
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Folkestone	20°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	21°C	Tonbridge	26°C	26°C	27°C	25°C	23°C
Gillingham	21°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	21°C	Tun Wells	26°C	26°C	27°C	25°C	23°C



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	Sunday	12:24pm	5.4m
Dover	Saturday	9:54am	5.7m
	Sunday	10:44am	5.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:40am	6.3m
	Sunday	10:30am	6.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:24am	4.3m
	Sunday	11:14am	4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:20am	5.1m
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Visiting minister vows regeneration plans will go ahead

DOVER'S regeneration is a high priority for the Government, according to the minister for the South East.

Jonathan Shaw, who is also MP for Chatham and Aylesford, paid a visit to the town to hold a strategic summit with key stakeholders behind the development plans.

Officials from the district council, Kent County Council, Dover Pride and Dover Harbour Board took part in a tour of the sites.

Plans for the area include a multi-million pound expansion of the port, mass housing development, new supermarket, leisure facilities and retail park in the centre of town and the possibility of a cable car running from the docks to the Western Heights.

High priority

Mr Shaw told Yourdover: "This meeting is about ensuring that regeneration moves ahead as quickly as possible and that everyone is very much comfortable with what's happening."

"The high-speed rail link, which originally wasn't coming to Dover but now is, is an important part of this."

"The combination of this and the port is a very important step and is another reason for people to come in and invest."

"This is about making sure that all those involved in the process work together. Dover is a high priority for the Government."

After a tour of the sites, Mr Shaw hosted a summit meeting where key issues were considered, including skills, education, transportation, delivery and implementation.

His visit will come as welcome news to the community, which has been questioning when regeneration will start.

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Q What is the best way to make your garden as friendly as possible for birds and animals?

A I always tell people they can do a lot of good just by being a bit lazy. If you leave some patches of grass to grow long or let piles of leaves collect, you'll attract insects, which provides food for birds and other wildlife.

If you relish a spot of gardening, trees like birch and rowan, or shrubs like pyracantha or hawthorn are good. Even some non-native flowers work well – buddleias and sedum attract butterflies. Plant one and you'll be able to measure its success instantly – sit back and watch as the butterflies flock to your handiwork.

Q What are the most common creatures that can be spotted in gardens in Kent?

A It can really depend on the garden itself – the more 'wildlife-friendly' features you've got, the more species you're likely to see. Kent does pretty well for starlings and house sparrows, although numbers are nothing like they used to be. Kent has also seen more great tits in recent years, and more greenfinches too.

At this time of year, also look out for hedgehogs feeding on worms as dusk falls and for butterflies like common blues and large whites.

Q And what are the most exotic?

A Birds like swifts and house martins might not seem exotic but they've made incredible journeys from Africa to get here. Warblers will

have done the same. They might not look much, but just listen to them sing – their song is one of my favourite sounds of summer.

The willow warbler's song is particularly beautiful, a descending harmony of notes that starts softly and ends with a fancy flourish.

From the other end of the globe, look out for redwings and fieldfares from Scandinavia, especially if you've got bird-feeders. Both look a bit like song thrushes, in fact they're related to them, but redwings have rusty-red flanks, and fieldfares have orangey-yellow breasts.

Q Is climate change a factor for local wildlife?

A I've been told off for using the analogy of canaries down the mine before – mainly because it's a terrible pun – but that's exactly what wildlife is, especially birds, when it comes to detecting the impact climate change is having on our world.

Last year, an RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) study found that chaffinches are now laying eggs about a week earlier than they did in the mid-1960s, and that blue tits, robins and swallows are showing similar patterns. It might not seem much, but birds like blue tits only have one brood per year, and they actually time it to coincide with the emergence of caterpillars. The last few years have seen a shortage of caterpillars at this crucial time because the chicks have arrived too early.

Q How can people spot rarer creatures such as badgers?

A Contact Kent Wildlife Trust, who'll put you in touch with some good badger-watching sites. If you have badgers using your garden, keep an eye out around dusk and into the evening, as this is when they're most likely to forage for food. Badgers are very social creatures, so they'll also use this time to play – a marvellous sight if you're lucky enough to see it.

If you reckon badgers are in the area, you can encourage them by putting food out – they love peanuts especially. While it's not great to feed them loads of sugary things, they also have a remarkably sweet tooth, so putting out the odd bit of cake will be much appreciated.

Q How did you get involved in wildlife conservation?

A I grew up in the Cotswolds and spent endless summers as a child peering under rocks, digging about in the dirt, and generally driving my mum potty with all the wonders I'd found. I remember finding a fossil once and sending it off to the Really Wild Show, hoping the show's presenter Chris Packham would knock on my door. Now I'm working for the RSPB, Chris is our vice-president and I've been lucky enough to meet him.

• Register to receive a free wildlife-gardening advice pack with the RSPB's Homes for Wildlife. Visit the website at www.rspb.org.uk or call 0870 240 1001.

Q & A

The passionate wildlife supporter and area representative for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds spoke to **Nick Ames** about the simple things people can do to turn their gardens into a haven for nature

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Festival organisers' £1m ticket splashout

NEARLY half of all tickets for Kent's biggest music festival of the summer have been given away FREE with a flimsy celeb-backed raincoat worth just £10.

Organisers behind the star-studded Hop Farm event in Paddock Wood next weekend stunned music fans earlier this week when the unbelievable offer of a pair of complimentary weekend passes, worth £250, was tacked onto sales of blue and grey designer 'Splashmacs' on a budget fashion website.

But they have denied claims the event was selling poorly – despite some fans who already snapped up tickets reacting furiously to news of the offer.

The 20,000-capacity event takes place next weekend with a big-hitting line-up including the likes of Paul Weller, The Fratellis, Editors and Echo and the Bunnymen.

A remarkable 6,000 weekend tickets – which normally sell for £125 each – have been promised to buyers who paid for a colourful bad weather cover worth less than a tenth of the ticket's value.

The MandMDirect site was flooded with so many customers on Tuesday trying to get their hands on the Splashmac, it sold out and switched the ticket offer to a luminous towel, worth £9.77.

A few hours later and 1,000 had gone, meaning another 2,000 people could snap-up Hop Farm passes. That's a total of 8,000 tickets given away as part of the promotion – or £1million's worth of potential sales.

The website reported that the closing date to claim tickets was June 29. All those taking advantage of the offer had to do was pay £16 for a camping permit.

Hop Farm Festival chiefs who pride themselves on their "no sponsors, no branding" approach have denied the extraordinary offer was merely a stunt to get rid of unwanted tickets.

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH DORRIAN

They claim the giveaway was a stroke of generosity by festival boss and famous promoter Vince Power and a drive to raise money for a good cause – but didn't prove the Hop Farm Festival was a flop which hard-up punters didn't want to attend.

All funds raised from the sale of three thousand £9.99 Splashmacs and 1,000 towels will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust charity.

Festival spokesman Ian Roberts said: "Vince Power is just an incredibly generous man. He has decided to give away tickets with every purchase of a Splashmac.

Sold out

"I don't think anyone will have a problem giving money to a reputable and worthy cause. Certainly we live in difficult times and music festivals are in a difficult position.

"But we are sure the Hop Farm Festival is an incredibly strong event with a fantastic line-up that people in Kent will really enjoy. A great weekend of top bands and entertainment is in store."

A customer service worked for the MandMDirect website admitted: "We've been inundated with calls about the Splashmac, it's an unbelievable offer. Some people have bought two or three of them, meaning they could have six tickets for the Hop Farm."

Some fans who have paid for tickets are furious. Emily Dorman, 23, from Maidstone, said she had struggled to raise the cash to buy a pair of tickets and couldn't believe the Splashmac offer.

She added: "I scrimped and saved to get these tickets and then I hear they're being dished out with a raincoat. It's not fair, to be honest. I just hope the festival is as good as they say it's going to be."



MAKING A SPLASH: Former Atomic Kitten singer Jenny Frost models a Splashmac

MandMDirect spokesman Ed Green told Kent on Saturday: "The Splashmacs have been designed and modelled by very famous people. We teamed up with the Hop Farm Festival to give people a brilliant chance to see some fantastic bands and raise money for charity at the same time.

"The Splashmacs sold out very very quickly, the pick-up has been phenomenal. There were only 3,000 of them. But we have ordered more to be delivered. We temporarily switched the project to the towels and all 1,000 sold out."

Vince Power has stated he intends the Hop Farm Festival to be a long-term project and one which would put Kent "on the map".



SNAP AWAY: Authorities say taking pictures of your children at sports day does not breach the Data Protection Act

Privacy watchdog gives thumbs up to sports day photos

PARENTS who take photographs of their children at sports days and school plays are acting completely within the law – a privacy watchdog has ruled.

Local authorities, including Kent County Council, have been told that mums and dads are allowed to take shots for the family album – and that it's no breach of the Data Protection Act.

Relatives wanting to take pictures at public events have often been told that they are breaking the rules.

But the Office of the Information Commissioner last week said this interpretation was simply wrong.

It ruled that any snap taken for the family photograph album would normally be acceptable. This guidance can be used to challenge any bans enforced by councils as many schools stage their annual sports days.

Guidance has been sent to education authorities across the country. It reads: "Fear of breaching the provisions of the Act should not be wrongly used to stop people taking photographs or videos which provide many with much pleasure.

"Where the act does apply, a common sense approach suggests that if the photographer asks for permission to take a photograph, this will usually be enough to ensure compliance."

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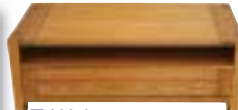
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Egg-stremely good fun on the free-range farm

RACHEL MCATHY finds out more about the happy lives of egg-laying chickens

CAMPAIGNS for free-range egg production have swept across the nation, endorsed by celebrity chefs and supported by some of the country's biggest stores.

Now rearing your own chickens, for the freshest eggs around, has become one of the country's fastest growing hobbies, which is good news for one farmer.

Doug Wanstall runs Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, and it is from here that he pioneered a local food distribution hub that now supplies Kent produce across the county and in London.

But much of his success is down to the work of an army of 30,000 free-range chickens.

With access to 100 acres of land, they live a carefree life – popping out around 178,500 eggs a week.

But it is the nation's love of our feathered friends that has boosted business the most.

"People seem to be more emotionally attached to their chickens than anything else, which is nice for us," he said. "It is quite bizarre."

Collecting the eggs follows an almost military procedure. The eggs are laid into nesting boxes and then roll down onto a conveyor belt before being examined, graded and boxed

ready for sale. But the trickiest job is getting every bird back to the roost at night.

"They get let out at 7am and we take it in turns to bring them in again at dusk," he said. "It's my turn at the moment to round them up, and it's not easy. It's often 10pm before the little darlings are ready to go to bed."

Programmes by celebrity chefs such as Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, who spearheaded a free-range chicken campaign, helped boost interest in Mr Wanstall's business. It also led to the BBC using Mr Wanstall for its egg needs.

Chickens that are free to roam get a much more varied and nutritious diet, whereas yolks from caged hens are often injected with artificial colours to give them the glow only grass can naturally give.

Despite more and more people rearing their own 'backyard' chickens, Mr Wanstall said business is good.

In fact, to keep up with demand, he has started supplying people with the chickens and the know-how to 'lay their own'.

"As long as they have a suitable amount of land, anyone can have chickens," he said. "There is nothing like getting eggs fresh every morning, you can't beat it."

"Although you have to be prepared for the chickens' fairly destructive nature when it comes to grass."



Even the reject eggs do not go unused and are donated to Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, in return for hefty amounts of elephant dung for use as fertilizer.

Mr Wanstall's great-grandfather bought the farm, which has passed down through the generations, in 1918.

His father still works on the farm, as well as his uncle – it is truly a family business.

Since he took over, Mr Wanstall's dreams of getting local produce more readily available have become a reality. He now supplies

hospitals, schools, hotels, food stores and restaurants in Kent and London. He also buys products from local farmers and sells them on to a range of customers interested in local food.

Despite economic struggles earlier in the year, which ended his supplies to Asda stores in Kent, he still provides the supermarket with 20,000 eggs a month.

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The competition ends on July 31.

Plenty of places to buy local

THERE are a host of farmers' markets taking place across the county in the coming week.

On Tuesday, Hildenborough market runs from 9-11am, and Capel-le-Ferne will have stalls running from 10am-1pm.

Deal is holding its market on Wednesday, from 9am-noon.

On Thursday, the county is spoilt for choice with five market hosts. Shipbourne market will run from 9-11am, Whitfield from 9am-noon, Bexley Heath from 9am-3pm, Rolvenden from 10am-noon and Chartham from 2.30-5pm.

Again on Friday there are plenty of venues to choose from. At Bromley the stalls will run from 9am-5pm, Edenbridge from 9.30-11.30am, Challock from 1-4pm, Egerton from 2-4.30pm and Aylesham from 2-5pm.

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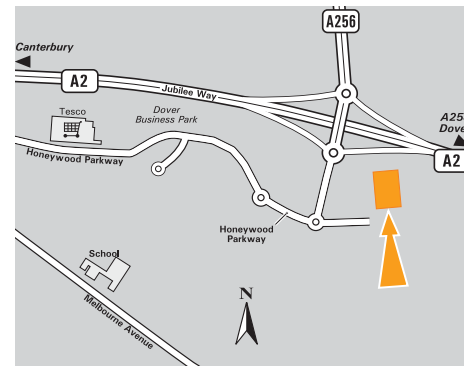
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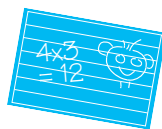
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WALK THE CHALK: Dover Grammar pupils and their French counterparts birdwatching at Samphire Hoe

MORE than 500 pupils from Dover and Calais teamed up to explore the Kent coast in a cross-Channel environmental project.

Pupils from Dover Grammar School for Boys, which has eco-school status, and a French school that has a green network group called Club Eden, met at the Grand Burstin Hotel in Folkestone.

Kent County Council and French authority the Conseil General du Pas-de-Calais gave the students an official welcome before the youngsters took to the stage to talk about their schools' environmental efforts.

Pupils then split into three groups for their afternoon activities. One group explored the Whinless Down in Dover, navigating their way between marker posts on a specially drawn map.

Each post had the name of a tree or shrub next to it so the children could fill in activity forms about what they had seen on their trek.

Group two took part in a guided walk from Capel to Samphire Hoe, where they learnt about the area and heard how ships and aircraft were detected from the cliffs in the

■ BY MARIJKE COX

1920s and '30s. The third group learnt about the creation of Samphire Hoe and looked at the birdlife and chalk art while learning about the geology of the area.

The event was part of the year-long Channel Hop programme which was organised by KCC and the Conseil General du Pas-de-Calais.

Myriam Caron, Channel Hop project manager for KCC, said: "Kent and Pas-de-Calais share many links and this is a really great way for young people from both regions to come together, find out more about their Channel neighbours and develop new friendships."

"We hope this will be the start of a long-term relationship between our schools which are just a short hop from each other."

The Channel Hop project arranges events in both regions and later this year will help celebrate the centenary of the first cross-Channel flight by Louis Bleriot in 1909.

For more information about the scheme or the history of the two areas, visit www.thechannelhop.co.uk.

BREAK TIME

Passionate about keeping the flame alive

SECONDARY schools across the Dover district have joined together to create activities relating to the Olympic Games.

Pass the Passion, held at Sandwich Technology School, saw pupils coming up with ways to welcome the Olympic flame to the UK – should it come through Dover in 2012. Students – including Ryan Henderson, pictured below – had the



chance to handle one of the Olympic torches that was run through Dover in 1948. Children from Priory Fields Primary School performed the Pass the Passion song, written at a previous torch meeting, with two pupils on recorders.

Eight-year-old Ryan Hanson, from River School, was also congratulated for winning the Olympic torch mural competition. About 6,000 entries were received from 44 primary schools across Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

The winning piece is to be created over the summer holidays through family workshops, aided by a professional artist, before being shown around the area and displayed at De Bradelei Wharf, Dover.

World of difference

EIGHT sixth-formers from St Edmund's Catholic School in Dover have flown to Tanzania to work with deprived children.

Four members of staff have gone with the pupils and the group will work specifically with deaf and blind children for three weeks.

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Discussion group only hits the pocket rather than shocking drivers into watching their speed

Speed workshop was slow to put the message across

IT'S not that often that I get the chance to spend a morning in a room with 18 other convicted criminals, but as a result of an incident with a London speed camera a few months back I found myself in Ealing attending a speed awareness workshop.

Quite frankly, it was an outrage that I was there in the first place. I was clocked doing 34mph in a 30 zone and as Ray, our cheerful lecturer for the day, told me: "You were unlucky that is the lowest speed you have to get to end up at one of these things."

As a first time marginal offender I was given two options. Pay the £60 fine and end up with three points or pay £95 for the chance to visit a London office block and listen to Ray for a couple of hours. The police would then consider the matter dealt with.

I've always been pretty smug about having a clean licence; it has been one of the few things in life I could point to as a sign of my obvious merits as a fine upstanding citizen, so I plumped for the trip to Ealing.

The first session was spent looking at a computer screen showing driving scenarios in which various hazards present themselves.

The film was shot from the driver's point of view. Whoever had taken out the motor that day was very lucky to have made it to work without killing the various cyclists, toddlers on scooters, mums, guide dogs and grannies all leaping off the kerb in front of them.

After being assessed by the computer it concluded that I was average at pretty well everything when it came to driving. Although it did tell me I needed to lower my cruising speed.

In the second session Ray discussed with the group how we should all be more aware of speed and the consequences of being fractionally over the limit in the event of an accident.

I had been warned beforehand that I was

likely to see graphic images of bodies torn apart in motoring accidents. Instead we all took part in a group discussion on why we sometimes go too fast. And this was my problem. Let's be honest, we were all there because we wanted to maintain our clean licence, not some desperate desire to learn about speed.

The least the organisers of these things could have done is shaken us out of our complacency. We deserve to be shocked and have a sleepless night because we have been confronted by the damage a car can do to a flimsy human body. I may have avoided getting the points, but avoiding the guilt if I ever killed someone because of my driving is a much harder dodge to pull off.

The only people who are really benefitting from this exercise are the company contracted to carry out these workshops.

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MIKE LANGLEY

The programme manager for new-builds at P&O talks about that champagne moment when a ferry is launched



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Three most important things for a ferry company?

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Hardest part of the job?

Travel to the shipyard in Finland is awkward and I don't sleep well there in the summer – it just doesn't get dark.

And the best part?

Seeing ships sail into Dover for the first time. Then hearing the words: "I name this ship," as champagne smashes against the side. Magic every time.

YOUR LETTERS

Time to derail this EU gravy train

If people think MPs at Westminster cost us millions, they had better put a stop to the following ludicrous situation.

Members of the European Parliament at Brussels, of which there are more than 700 representing all 27 member countries, get the following, funded mostly by British taxpayers who give the biggest contribution to the EU's annual running costs.

Each MEP costs £1.8 million a year. They each can claim up to £363,000 annually in allowances without providing receipts. When leaving the parliament, they receive pensions of between £175,000 and £235,000.

And to close offices, they get £55,000 to lay off staff and a further £30,000 to help assist them back into the "real world".

And then there are the members of the European Commission, who get greater perks plus the cost of moving the entire Brussels staff to Strasbourg once every month for a couple of days, just to please the French.

Roger Arnold, by email

Weather extremes will be unbearable

The Met Office, in its new climate change report, expects wetter winters in Kent and Medway and much hotter, drier summers.

Overall, this may be good for tourism, but extremely bad for



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many forms of agriculture.

Farmers and growers will be forced like never before to invest in means of capturing and using rainfall for use in long dry spells.

The prediction of one in six homes becoming at risk of flood-

ing is quite stunning. The Met Office says sea levels around the UK rose by about 1mm a year in the 20th century. The rate for the 1990s and 2000s has been higher. A report by the World Development Movement has

already indicated the emissions of the 1990s and 2000s could lead to a five-metre sea level rise rather than the original prediction of one metre.

Also, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development has indicated it expects the South East to be as dry as the Sahara by 2030 if emissions are not cut drastically.

The implications for Kent are severe as our climate will move towards extremes: longer periods of heavy rainfall in winter; hotter and drier spells in summer.

We face the prospect of regular winter flooding and summer droughts. Our natural environment, built environment and agriculture will all suffer unless we cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Job done, move on

Let's draw a line under the MPs' expenses scandal now. How many small items claimed for can we get outraged about? It was good work by the Telegraph to reveal the abuses, but the story has run its course.

I do hope, however, that those members who feel tempted in future to clear a moat or build a duck island realise what will happen if anyone finds out.

John Reilly, by email

What about banks?

The scandal over MPs' allowances provoked outrage, but the sums are small in comparison with the misuse of money by bankers. Everyone seems to have forgotten how these people who ruined the economy kept on awarding themselves huge sums

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in bonuses even as people's mortgages and savings collapsed. The economy was supposed to be collapsing around us a few months ago and now we don't even hear such alarms and forecasts of doom as we were doing. Has everyone forgotten the predictions of a new Great Depression – or was it all rubbish in the first place?

Maria Whiting, by email

Even MPs must eat

Why is there such an outrage over the small items of food claimed by MPs as part of their expenses?

Where I work one of the few things allowed to be claimed back are small sums for breakfast if you have an early start or dinner for a late finish.

Paul Forbes, by email

Isolated by rail cuts

The new high-speed train is certainly going to make the journey from some Kent towns into London more convenient.

But I hope we do not see the services which currently run, especially off-peak, being phased out.

That would make many villages in the county inaccessible by public transport and detract from the quality of life in places which were previously desirable to live in.

If trains no longer stop at places such as Newington, Headcorn and Sandling you will see the value of

property deflate considerably, which is not good news. It will stop people getting to work and going on pleasure trips unless they use cars.

Proper services linking small communities with towns and cities need to run alongside the express trains for everyone to benefit.

Robert Jones, by email

New balls, please

Is anyone else fed up to the back teeth with Wimbledon? In a World Cup or European Championship summer it is mercifully ranked right at the bottom of the sporting ladder – where it belongs.

But this year we have an Ashes tournament coming up and it is all we are hearing about.

Bring back Tim Henman. At least he used to go out in the early rounds and it was all over quicker. As it is there is no stopping it dragging on. It may be just a fortnight but it seems to have been on for months.

Ian Paynter, by email

My heartfelt thanks

I am writing to thank all your readers who have put their hands on their hearts and signed up to volunteer with the British Heart Foundation (BHF). Volunteers play a crucial role in the work of the BHF and their ded-



JACKIE BRAMBLES

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There are so many ways you can get involved, from placing collection boxes and volunteering in a BHF shop, to organising your own event, such as a coffee morning.

Giving a hand to the BHF is a great way to support the charity and it can also be incredibly rewarding, so if you haven't already got involved, why not find out more by visiting bhf.org.uk/volunteer, emailing volunteer@bhf.org.uk or call 0300 4568353. Lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Jackie Brambles, Loose Women presenter and radio broadcaster, by email

Age discrimination

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Alexis Willett, head of policy for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, by email

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Still teaching world to sing

The New Seekers will be visiting Kent on their 40th-anniversary tour. **Neill Barston** talks to Paul Layton, the band's longest-serving member

NEW SEEKERS

Saturday, July 11
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



THERE are few if any musicians who can claim their musical career gained a helping hand from the late, great Doors frontman Jim Morrison.

But so it was for former child actor Paul Layton, whose encounter with the iconic American singer left quite an impression on him during his early 20s.

"Jim interviewed me as the 'new boy' on his group's record label, Elektra. He was over in England doing some gigs at the Roundhouse in London which were great.

"I was a big fan of The Doors and he was a magnetic character, interviewing me with a crate of beer by his side!" said Paul, whose brief stint as a solo artist was not destined to meaningfully trouble the charts.

He could easily have returned to acting, having starred in a range of stage and screen projects including Judy Garland's final movie, I Could Go On Singing, and Dixon of Dock Green (co-incidentally marrying the great-niece of its star Jack Warner).

Yet his Jewish family was behind his chosen career path and Paul joined a revised line-up of the New Seekers, courtesy of Bee Gees producer Ossie Byrne, who had worked on one of his solo releases.

"When I applied to join the group I couldn't actually play bass, but like any actor I said that I could, so it was a case of me just asking people I knew to help me learn the tracks.

"They hadn't yet had any commercial success. I joined at the same time as Lyn Paul and we had some great times touring," revealed the Hertfordshire-based musician.

The group, who are on their 40th-anniversary tour, enjoyed a golden period in the early 70s, scoring several top-10 hits including Beg



Steal and Borrow, with which they represented Britain at the Eurovision Song Contest, and their most famous singles, I'd Like to Teach The World To Sing, revised from the 'I'd like to Buy the World a Coke' TV advert.

It proved a huge No 1 hit and remains in the top-100-selling singles in the UK. Its influence has lingered, with rockers Oasis borrowing its simple yet jaunty melody for their album track Shakermaker.

They were reportedly forced to pay its writers \$500,000, to which Noel Gallagher commented that "the band just drinks Pepsi now".

These days, 62-year-old Paul has far more time to spend with his family, including his singer-songwriter daughter Lucy.

His other great passion is getting out on the golf course, which touring occasionally allows. But as the longest-serving member of the band, it's never far from his thoughts.

There been many changes in personnel down the years (including a split in the mid-70s), but they have survived far longer than many acts could ever hope for.

"Though our early days were great, there was a lot of pressure, so now we are just really enjoying ourselves for the 40th-anniversary tour.

"There are no problems of egos within the band and we're putting out a greatest-hits album on which we've recorded some new tracks along with some of the old material, which is something we've not done in a long time.

"The audiences have been very good to us and we enjoy meeting them all with signings at the end of the show, which we'll be doing down in Folkestone."

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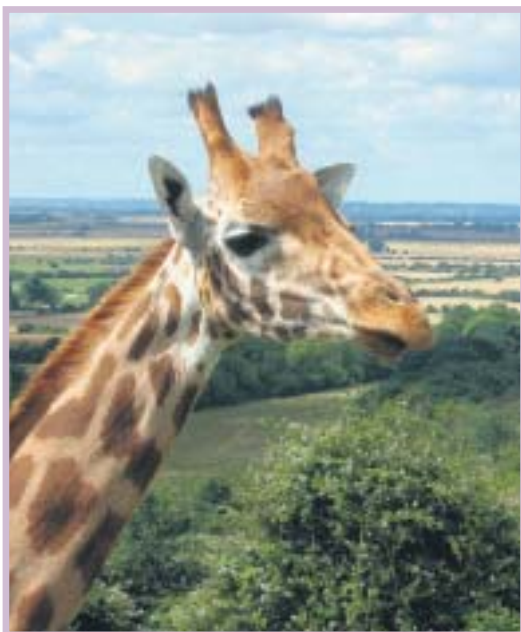
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Quarterhouse, Folkestone



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MODFATHER: Paul Weller will wrap up the festival

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That's £2.50 to watch the Modfather Paul Weller bring the main stage to a close on Sunday night.

For less than the price of a pint you could watch up-and-coming singer/songwriter Florence and the Machine on the opening day.

British favourites The Fratellis, Pigeon Detectives, The View and Ash all join Florence on the Saturday line-up.

Sunday brings the Editors, Doves, Super Furry Animals and Mystery Jets to Kent.

Dance fans have also been catered for, with Etienne De Crecy, Alex Gopher and Scratch Perverts all taking to the decks.

The line-up across all three stages is so strong that it leaves Hop Farm ticket holders with a number of difficult decisions.

Late night Sunday could be spent in front of the main stage with Paul Weller, by the dance stage and 2ManyDJs or the third stage with British Sea Power.

Mid-afternoon Saturday sees Brit pop veterans Ash and breakthrough rock trio The Joy Formidable take to separate stages at the same time.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Too much choice.

The Hop Farm Festival stands alone in the overcrowded festival market, offering an event free from ticket registration, VIP areas, branding and sponsorship.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON



NEWCOMERS: Rock trio The Joy Formidable

This year the festival offers a weekend experience of boutique camping, top-notch food and traditional ales.

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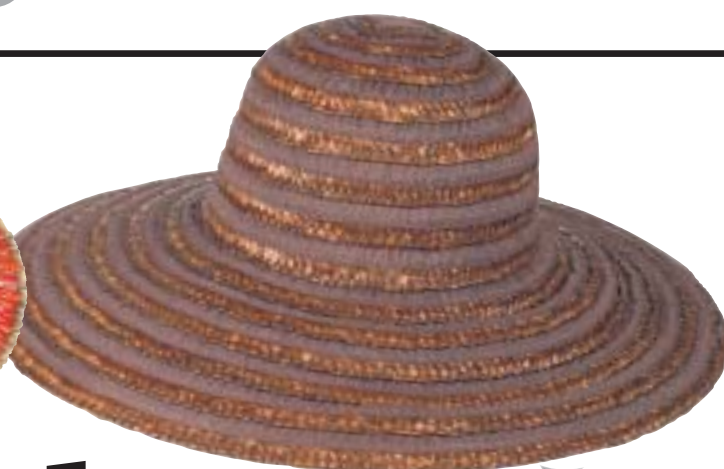
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Shia's transformed into Hollywood's hottest star

BY SHEREEN LOW

SHIA LaBeouf has gone from jobbing child actor to international superstar almost as quickly as a car can morph into a robot.

He's now one of the hottest young actors in Hollywood and is commanding the column inches to go with it. In the weeks leading up to the release of *Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen*, the stories have been rife.

"I'm living a meaningless life," shouted one magazine headline. Another claimed, "I saw my parents have sex", crediting his sense of humour to his parents' hippy, carefree lifestyle. He's been labelled an alcoholic and called "resentful" and "foul-mouthed".

Yet when I speak to him, sitting in a posh London hotel, the 23-year-old is keeping that side of him, if it exists, firmly hidden. In fact, his lips are almost as tightly buttoned as the shirt he's wearing.

Shia says he takes the attention in his stride and even reveals the details of one article that made him laugh out loud: "Reading that I found my mum very attractive. That was hysterical," he says with a smile.

Life has changed out of all proportion for the LA-born actor since the release of *Transformers*, the highest-grossing film of 2007.

Despite acting since he was 12, the leading role in the blockbuster catapulted Shia into one of Tinseltown's hottest – and most talked-about – young stars.

It won him awards and a starring role in *Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull*, sparking speculation that he'll take over from Harrison Ford once he's done with the franchise.

The attention is sure to get even more



RIISING STAR: Shia LaBeouf has been catapulted into the spotlight thanks to the *Transformers* films

intense with the *Transformers* sequel, in which he reprises his role as plucky teenager Sam Witwicky, who gets caught in the robot battle between the Autobots and their Decepticons enemies.

"It's been great," he says. "My trailer was bigger this time! It's flattering, it's the best kind of review to be asked to do it again."

He adds: "It doesn't feel as crazy [this time]."

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First time, it was figuring a lot of things out – we were flying by the seat of our pants.

"We didn't know what it would be like and this time we've battened down the hatches. We're just getting better at it."

He says: "These movies are adventurous to make, you know. It's not just an adventure to watch, but it's a real adventure to make."

It turned out to be quite a rough ride for Shia, who preferred to do a lot of his own stunts but suffered quite a few injuries during the making of the film.

"I broke my hand, I almost went blind, and sprained my knee. It was a rough shoot. The pace is the worst thing, just the non-stop shooting. But I feel good now."

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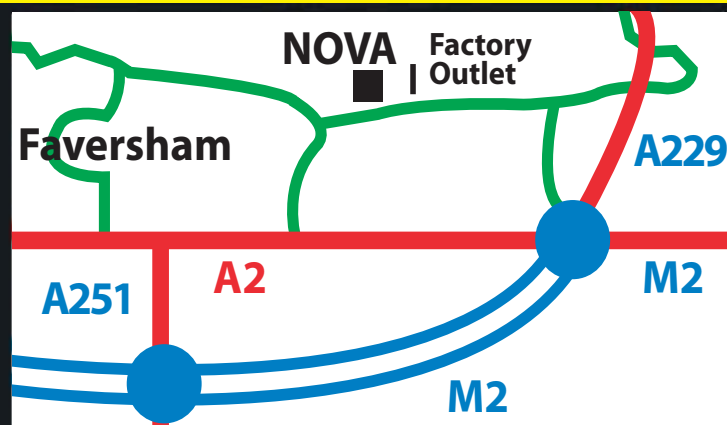
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

ALAN CARR CHATTY MAN
Channel 4, 10pm, Sunday
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BBC One, 9pm, Friday

IT'S hardly a new format, but I have to hand it to Alan Carr – his new Channel 4 chat show is a winner.

It's perfect end of weekend stuff, before you doze off to sleep with the Monday morning blues looming.

Three shows in and all have been rather good so far.

Interviews with Bruce Forsyth, Samuel L Jackson, Heather Graham and girl-kisser Katy Perry have all been a hoot and only the Ivana Trump chat has stalled, though that wasn't the host's fault.

Her broken English didn't quite gel with the wonky-toothed comic's camp down-to-earth humour and made for uncomfortable viewing as she attempted to smile her way through the show before collecting her appearance fee.

Carr has that self-deprecating persona that never really loses its appeal.

Nor is he afraid to risk offending the guests he sits opposite, which is also a good thing and makes for a more exciting crop of interviews.

For my money he is much funnier than Jonathan Ross, even if he is back on form post Manuelgate.

Whereas Ross can come over as somewhat self-obsessed, perhaps not the best attribute for a talk show host, Carr seems genuinely interested in what his guests have to say and is a very funny bloke, which always helps.

His stand-up show Tooth Fairy, still occasionally repeated on E4, is one of those stand-out moments that convince you there is more to someone's talent than prattling about with hairy bloke Justin Lee Collins and ripping the latest crop of Big Brother hopefuls.



CHATTY BOX: Alan Carr's new Channel 4 talk show proves just what a talent he really is

Ratings have been good and deservedly so. It would be great if this were given a slightly earlier time slot for more people to enjoy, but would likely suffer if that happened.

Some of the more risqué humour would have to be toned down and that essence of naughtiness would have to be binned.

BBC One has once again wheeled out Hotel Babylon, which seems amazing because it is just so ruddy awful.

When a prime-time show relies on such heady names as Nigel Harman, Chris Bisson and page three luvvies Lucy Pinder and Michelle Marsh to carry it, the alarms bells must surely start to ring. The storylines are often preposterous and the dialogue nothing short of painful.

This is billed as a drama, which is odd as the proceedings are in no way dramatic or interesting for that matter.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

BE realistic when it comes to family. Nobody is going to change overnight. This is especially true of a forgetful female. Don't trust them with important duties or expensive items. This will probably make more work for you, but it's better than setting everybody up for a disappointment.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'RE getting mixed signals from an authority figure. The best way to avoid trouble is to get their instructions in writing and be sure to date them or you'll have to defend yourself against unfair accusations. A sympathetic friend helps you decompress after work.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A RELATIONSHIP is showing signs of strain. The object of your affection needs to be more consistent. Being trifled with brings out the worst in you. Happily, there are some other romantic prospects on the horizon, so if this union doesn't last, you'll quickly start another.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU'RE on an emotional rollercoaster, and it's not for the first time. Someone who is dear to your heart is driving you crazy with their behaviour. At first it was fun trying to make sense of their whims. Now, it's just exhausting. Maybe it's time to take a temporary break from each other.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR intuition is telling you there is something wrong with a relative or neighbour. You must be sure to press them if they keep insisting everything is fine. It's possible they're struggling with a serious problem. Offer to help with chores as a means to take some pressure off.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

BEWARE of falling under a guru's spell. Although their advice is seductive, it can pull you into a dark place. Be especially alert to any pleas for money. You have a better use for your hard-earned cash. A boss or authority figure may promise more than they can deliver.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

BE honest when it comes to your job. There may be a limited future with this position. Promises of raises and promotions that never come true are warning signs. Listen to a close friend's advice with regard to work prospects. Adopting some of their behaviour could benefit you.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A COLLEAGUE could be saying one thing to your face and then gossiping behind your back. Be very careful what you tell them. It may be best to cut off all unnecessary contact. True, you have to work together, but that doesn't mean you need to be friendly.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

WORKING with a group will not be easy. You're better off retreating to somewhere quiet where you can focus. It's possible you will blurt out a friend's secret by accident. If this happens, be sure to tell them that you betrayed their confidence. It may take awhile to be forgiven, though.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

GO over bills with a fine-toothed comb as some erroneous charges could be made to your account. On the plus side, an impromptu trip allows you to travel to a glamorous locale. Be sure to take a smart evening outfit, as you never know who you're going to meet.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

SOMEONE may be playing fast and loose with your heart. Take this flirt's declarations with a huge dose of salt. If you have a family, be very vigilant about keeping your promises. If you have to make a choice between attending a work or family matter, pick the latter.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU may not be able to afford items that were previously within reach. Practising restraint will help you avoid debt. This may not seem important now, but it will make a difference to your future. The fewer bills, the easier it will be to make a bold move toward your happiness.

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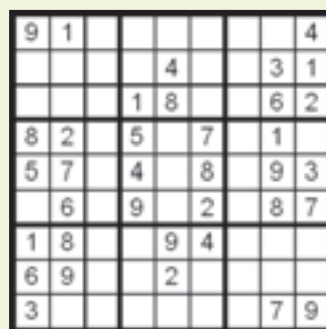
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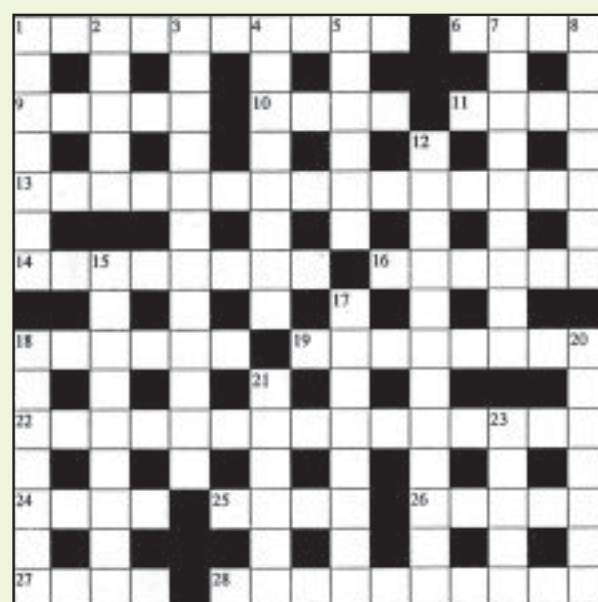
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- 9 Egg held by deputy speaker (5)
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- 11 Celebrity came from Costa Rica (4)
- 13 Comparatively easy to pick up (5,2,1,7)
- 14 Getting up late! (8)
- 16 I had nothing in frosty surroundings – that's stupidity (6)
- 18 Whitering part of fence (6)
- 19 That French demon bedevilling realm (8)
- 22 Getting a sense of achievement at work (3,12)
- 24 Get money from cows (4)
- 25 Second simpleton self-satisfied (4)
- 26 Style inside station I could see (5)
- 27 So you initially had a bean (4)
- 28 Animal might have sheer physical strength (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Occupy fully when it is interminably complicated (7)
- 2 Monkey in game reserve some are watching closely (5)
- 3 One with impulse for taking new pale mink coat (12)
- 4 Number one rings three times (8)
- 5 Inform of tiny amendment (6)
- 7 Observe letters making up phrase (9)
- 8 Paint Ayr resort, left side first (7)
- 12 Pass scarf or tissue (12)
- 15 American rustic William found beneath mound (9)
- 17 Boisterous fun in bay at tea-party (8)
- 18 Nocturnal habits (7)
- 20 Can be held up by fellow with handcuff (7)
- 21 Frame last character I'm taking over sea in France (6)
- 23 In a sound part of target (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Rid of moisture (10)
- 6 Equitable (4)
- 9 Worse (anag.) (5)
- 10 Small shoot (4)
- 11 Peak (4)
- 13 American climbing-plant (8,7)
- 14 Unlawful (8)
- 16 Loosen (6)
- 18 Fitting (6)
- 19 Wife of Moses (OT) (8)
- 22 Imprisoned (5,4,3,3)
- 24 Mass of bread (4)
- 25 Thunder-god (4)
- 26 Neigh (anag.) (5)
- 27 Jerk (4)
- 28 Imaginary place (10)

DOWN

- 1 Disclaim (7)
- 2 Axeman (5)
- 3 Climbing-plant (7-5)
- 4 Debris (8)
- 5 Side of bacon (6)
- 7 Not liked (9)
- 8 Without duty (3-4)
- 12 Miser (5-7)
- 15 In the red (9)
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Discover the wild west in Utah

■ BY MARGARET DAVIS

UTAH can be easily overlooked among the huge range of holiday destinations on offer in a country as vast as the United States.

Mention Salt Lake City to any Brit, and it will conjure up images of Mormons, weak beer and the 2002 Winter Olympics.

In fact, Utah has much more to offer than that, especially for holidaymakers wanting to escape the daily grind and shake off the cobwebs in a spectacular outdoor playground.

The western state is perhaps best known for skiing and winter sports, but remains a quite breathtaking rocky wilderness when there is no snow on the ground.

Yet even in the absence of snow, the area is a beautiful place to visit. In early October we were treated to the blazing reds and yellows of the autumn leaves – a perfect backdrop for pony trekking in the foothills nearby.

It was a fun way to see the countryside, and meant we could avoid crawling up the steep slopes ourselves. There could not have been a better remedy to soothe away the shop-soiled feeling of long-haul flights and jetlag.

This is the beginning of film-set style surroundings which leave visitors with a huge smile – and stopping every two minutes to take photos.

Dead Horse Point, half a mile from where the dramatic climax of *Thelma And Louise* was filmed, gives a jaw-dropping view, looking out over the Colorado River. Without the water, you could be forgiven for thinking you were on Mars.

But visitors do not just come to stand and stare. A wide range of outdoor activities are available throughout the year.

Moab, the small town where raft operator



EYE-CATCHING: The red, almost Martian, landscape of Utah leaves explorers stunned by their surroundings

Sheri Griffiths is based, attracts hordes of active types all through the summer and has a sprinkling of shops, bars and restaurants which cater for the crowds.

Once you've finished soaking up the atmosphere around Moab, a more relaxed river expedition awaits on the San Juan River, leaving from Bluff.

The archaeological trip will see your guide explain the spectacular geology of the surrounding area, with stops to see ancient paintings and ruins on the way.

However, both the boat trips come with a health warning: in the sun they would be fantastic (with all usual precautions in place),

but in autumnal rain it gets cold, so bring waterproofs and warm clothes to avoid grumpy faces.

The rafting in particular will get you completely, utterly and absolutely soaked, even through the splash suits provided.

Coming back to urban surroundings, Salt Lake City is a pleasant and nicely laid-out town, with chances for fine dining and a night out in a bar, as well as good shopping during the day.

So when you plan your next holiday, give Utah a chance – you'll come back fully refreshed and fired up with a new enthusiasm for the outdoors.

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THERE are four house-hunters for every property for sale, according to estate agents who have analysed recent property trends.

Demand for property is rising faster than supply, with the number of house-hunters registered with estate agents increasing from 265 in April to 299 in May. But the average branch has fallen to 69 properties for sale in May, from 76 in April.

Gary Smith, president of the National Association of Estate Agents said: "NAEA members are showing that there are buyers a-plenty out there.

"More often than not these are also potential sellers who are at the beginning of the process – so there is bound to be a lag which creates a shortage of properties in the short term.

Significant

"With mortgage interest rates at historically low levels and prices now far more realistic than in previous years, home ownership in the UK seems to be set to lead the way out of the recession."

Buyers are still able to negotiate a discount, however, with the average selling price 6.3 per cent below the actual asking price.

The survey also found the number of first time buyers increased to 43 per cent in May – a significant increase on last month's 23 per cent.



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Why more enquiries does NOT mean higher prices

■ BY NICK AMES

AVERAGE prices of new homes on the market have fallen for the first time in five months, according to a leading property company.

Despite several surveys suggesting house prices were set to rise during May, new sellers are still hesitant and the average asking price fell by 0.4 per cent over the last month to £226,436.

Rightmove has identified trends in property prices which are reflected in the desirability of what is on offer.

Miles Shippside, the company's commercial director, said: "It's a mistake to confuse the upturn in enquiries and sales with a return to a more normal market.

"As the best deals on property and mortgages are only open to the equity-rich, the new stock that agents are looking to attract has to match what these purchasers want to buy and can afford.

"Perennially popular areas with good schooling are in, while flats in large blocks and terraces requiring major works are out, meaning new sellers are having to adjust prices accordingly."

Although there has been a ten per cent rise in new sellers over the last three months, there is still a shortage of houses coming on to the market.

Rightmove also said that a north-south divide is beginning to grow in housing prices.

The number of new sellers in the southern regions of the UK are down by 45.3 per cent on the same period in 2008, while the rest of England and Wales has seen only a 40.1 per cent fall. A combination of lenders' risk bias towards southern deposit-rich buyers and less



LIMITED: Although there's been an increase in enquiries, there are warnings these are only coming from the equity-rich side of the market, with specific properties in mind

fresh saleable stock would therefore suggest a speedier price recovery in the South, Rightmove added.

But although equity-rich buyers are snapping up properties, a large sector of the

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Mr Shippside said: "Property deals appear within the grasp of cash-strapped first-time buyers, but every rise in fixed rates frustratingly nudges them a bit further out of reach."

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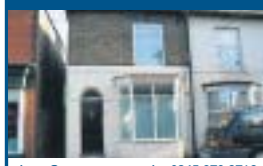
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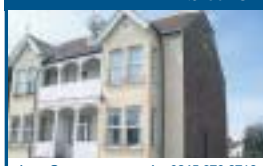
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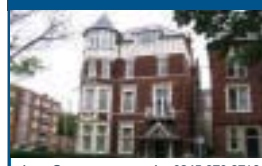
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Greener plant grows greener Prius hybrid

TOYOTA launches an all-new, greener and more futuristic Prius on August 1 produced by a 'green' factory.

The petrol-electric hybrid is built in Japan at one of five Toyota global Eco-Factories designed to minimise environmental impact through energy saving, waste management and recycling.

Just as the new Prius (from £18,370) can use solar energy to cool its cabin when parked, half of the Tsutsumi plant's electricity comes from solar panels, while sunlight ducts boost interior lighting.



...and BMW launches greenest ever 3-Series

BMW has announced its most fuel-efficient and cleanest BMW 3-Series ever, attracting just £35/year road tax.

The new BMW 316d ES Saloon – on sale in September from £23,330 – features a 116bhp 1,995cc four-cylinder diesel offering 0-62mph of 10.9 seconds and an official 62.8mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of just 118g/km, helped by a six-speed manual gearbox and the green technologies of BMW's EfficientDynamics package including Stop-Start and energy recovery from braking.



Hyundai ships come in

AMBITIOUS Korean brand Hyundai will upset the motor industry establishment when June UK registration figures are announced.

It has embraced the Government-sponsored Scrappage scheme enthusiastically, promoting the i10 city car in particular – it sells from £4,995 through Scrappage.

Hyundai has sold 11,500 cars under the scheme and started a major operation in which four car ships will unload 5,100 cars in four weeks.

The first has just landed 1,100 i10s and this model is tipped to storm the UK top 10 seller list for June.



CHANGE OF TACT: Volkswagen is now putting its weight behind 'eco' petrol engines, using the twin forces of direct injection plus turbocharging which made diesel so popular

VW has change of heart with their 'eco' engines

HAVING done much to push diesel power, Volkswagen is now putting weight behind a return to petrol.

And it is using twin forces behind the diesel boom – direct injection of fuel plus turbocharging. The latter is nothing new, of course, but VW is now using it to boost small and relatively puny engines when needed, without harming overall fuel consumption and emissions.

It is also the perfect partner to VW's new generation direct injection technology, which will surely revolutionise the petrol engine in the same way that common rail direct injection transformed the diesel.

'DI' boosts compression, efficiency and pulling power, again without damaging the green credentials of the engine, while giving our VW Golf SE 1.4 TSI five-door (£16,520) test car all the sportiness most owners will ever desire.

With 120bhp on tap, it seemed to skip along and bowl around corners. The diesel equivalents output feels just as quick in the straight ahead, but the heavier engine shows up on the bends and undoubtedly wears tyres and front end bits more significantly.

This 'eco' petrol version can also average well

ROAD TEST VW GOLF

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

over 40mpg and requires just £125/year in road tax – not bad when it costs considerably less than equivalent diesels.

The latest Golf carries over the excellent chassis from the previous model, which has allowed VW to apportion more interior budget this time, shown in high quality, improved seating, excellent yet lightweight sound insulation and superb ergonomics. The cabin also has far more space, without a significant increase in size.

VW offers its new Adaptive Chassis Control (ACC) system too, allowing three modes for suspension, steering and throttle response.

It is an impressive piece of tech and 'Sport' mode combines with the lively engine to deliver a cut-price GTI to the hands on the wheel – the downside is that ACC adds £705 to the price of the car.

On the other hand, you can afford this luxury: versions of our pumped up petrol Golf cost a £1,000 less than diesel counterparts and are slightly faster and more nimble.

With some buyers never fully convinced by the pro-diesel argument, the arrival of modern and greener petrol alternatives could re-ignite the whole petrol v diesel argument.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

BUDGET BUSTERS

EVERYONE wants to slash their motoring budget and perhaps downsize too, but there's no need to buy new, even if used prices on top economy cars have boomed as 'gas guzzler' values went bust. Neither must you give up on style; true, our choice here includes a couple of real motoring 'scrooge' options even though full of character, but BMW's Mini D can look after your wallet and street cred for a little more outlay upfront – you can be meaner and greener while making others green with envy.

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting-edge technology and better build of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

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Quality	★★★★★

MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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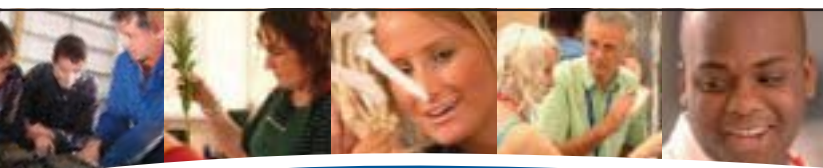
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MATCH OF THE DAY!

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IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522

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Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & seeks similar male, 56-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with man 30-35, 5ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTW white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 885431

HORSES FOR COURSES...

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CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 349402

IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, the cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

LOOKING FOR A LOVING CHAP

Ashford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, stronger, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

PERHAPS PERHAPS

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-2-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

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CALL ME

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MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft5, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship/romance. Box 897983

SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 878378

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THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water sports, cinema, animals; WLTW fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTW a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easgoing blonde animal lover, 41, tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTW mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090

PROFESSIONAL

Fun bubbly sexy black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

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ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

SHARE LIFE

Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463

YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113

MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986

FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

HAPPY TIMES

46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing, spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122

2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman in Rye, 47, work in nursing, GSOH, I like someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366

LOOK THIS WAY

Asian lady, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly, easgoing, WLTW lots of new friends, hopefully someone special. Box 878456

MAN AFTER MIDNIGHT

Outgoing lady, 48, 5ft4, short dark hair, hazel eyes, cuddly but curvy, looking to meet a nice man, to share good times with. Box 882022

IN STITCHES!

Kind lady, in my 50s, blonde, hazel eyes, curvy. I like cinema/theatre, walking, reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, meals out. WLTW similar gent. Maidstone. Box 451836

ANIMAL LOVER

Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH, I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals and WLTW similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498

DIVORCED

Loving, kind, honest female, 58, 5ft5, interests include the countryside, old pubs, music, reading and baking. Looking for that special someone to enjoy life with. Box 878455

MUSIC TO MY EARS

Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for a slim male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH

Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

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59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited who loves animals, good for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

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Young at heart 53yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662

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Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for a relationship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897

Women seeking women

ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTW an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

JUST A GIRL

Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTW similar female. Box 878997

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Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

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Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443842

CUDDLY BUNDLE OF JOY

Loving caring homely lady, 54, honest, shy, likes gardening, long walks and more, looking for a fun-loving, passionate tactile man for nights out and more. Box 451967

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

A COMPANION FOR LIFE?

Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Cricket League Division One

Hythe CC 1st XI v Ashford Town CC 1st XI

AN OUTSTANDING spell from Jago Pearson helped give Hythe only their second victory of the season as they beat Ashford Town by five wickets at The Grove.

Pearson took 7 for 46 as Ashford were bowled out cheaply, setting up a precious victory that took Hythe out of the bottom two.

The hosts opted to field first after winning the toss and the decision reaped dividends as Ben Dwyer dismissed Liam Tegg, Jason Boulter and James Watson to leave Ashford 23 for 3.

Shannon Fattore steadied the innings with a superb 87, sharing a substantial partnership with Stuart Paine to get Ashford back in the game. But Fattore's dismissal signalled the beginning of the end as the middle order and tail had no answer to Pearson's bowling.

With less than 200 to chase for victory, Hythe took as few risks as possible. Christopher Slee (31) and Richard Perkins (14) got them away to a steady start before a third wicket stand of 90 between Sam Butler (54) and Leon Morgan (47).

Jon Smith's 37 was the final nail in Ashford's coffin and despite being bowled by James Watson, it only prolonged the inevitable as Hythe reached their target in the 51st over.

Jago inspires Hythe to a commanding win



GREAT CATCH: Ashford wicketkeeper Gavin Hope shows off his reflexes in Saturday's five-wicket defeat to Hythe at The Grove

SCOREBOARD

Ashford Town

	Runs
Liam Tegg b Dwyer	2
Jason Boulter b Dwyer	9
Shannon Fattore st Butler b Pearson	87
James Watson ct Butler b Dwyer	0
Stuart Paine ct Patching b Pearson	22
Gary Sutton ct Slee b Pearson	8
Craig Buckham b Pearson	19
Andrew Maurice lbw b Pearson	25
Gavin Hope ct Patching b Pearson	8
James Rand lbw b Pearson	0
Mohsin Raza not out	5
Extras (5b 1lb 3w 2nb)	11
Total (all out, 44 overs)	196

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Ben Dwyer	9	0	60	3
Daniel Patching	10	0	35	0
Patrick Owen	5	1	30	0
Jago Pearson	12	1	46	7
Hamish Morrison	8	2	19	0

Hythe

	Runs
Christopher Slee b Rand	31
Richard Perkins lbw b Buckham	14
Sam Butler ct Sutton b Raza	54
Leon Morgan ct Buckham b Buckham	47
Jon Smith b Watson	37
Daniel Patching not out	9
Tim Pichowski not out	0
Jago Pearson did not bat	
Patrick Owen did not bat	
Ben Dwyer did not bat	
Hamish Morrison did not bat	
Extras (2b 1lb 2nb)	5
Total (5 wickets, 51 overs)	197

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	11	4	32	1
Liam Tegg	15	2	49	0
James Rand	5	2	23	1
Andrew Maurice	5	2	19	0
Craig Buckham	13	1	64	2
James Watson	2	1	6	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Sibton Park 1st XI v Harvel 1st XI

SIBTON Park moved well clear at the top of Division Two with a convincing 53-run victory against nearest challengers Harvel.

Opener Andy Allon top scored with 84 in a slightly disappointing Sibton innings, which saw them all out for 205 in the final over.

But five wickets from Steven Rowe ripped the heart out of Harvel's reply as they came up well short. Sibton's seventh victory out of eight extended their lead to 33 points.

Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter ct Walker b Whatman	16
Andy Allon ct Bailey b Ramsey	84
James Keeler ct Walker b Ramsey	43
Ben Carberry lbw b Ramsey	3
Steve Hickmott b Ramsey	0
Craig Coleman ct Walker b Bailey	25
Martin Wren b Ramsey	14
Steven Rowe b Bailey	2
Steve Hobbs b Bailey	2
Tim Smith ct Walker b Ramsey	0
Trevor Lewis not out	4
Extras (2b 4lb 3w 2nb)	11
Total (all out, 49.1 overs)	205

Batters	0	M	R	W
Desmond Bailey	11.1	2	57	3
Gary Whatman	15	3	39	1
Grant Rumbelow	4	0	11	0
Alaister Ramsey	15	0	63	6
Simon Jones	4	0	29	0

Harvel

	Runs
Benjamin Phillips lbw b Allon	53
Dushanthaana Ranaunga lbw b Rowe	0
Harry Ashdown b Rowe	0
Julian Taylor b Rowe	5
Alaister Ramsey lbw b Smith	31
David Walker b Rowe	9
Gary Whatman b Rowe	24
Grant Rumbelow b Allon	8
Desmond Bailey ct Carberry b Keeler	3
Simon Jones b Allon	0
Alaister Saunders not out	4
Extras (6lb 9w)	15
Total (all out, 41.1 overs)	152

Batters	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	13	4	42	5
Trevor Lewis	4	0	22	0
Tim Smith	15	2	65	1
Andy Allon	8.1	2	13	3
Jamie Keeler	1	0	4	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Bromley Town 1st XI v Walmer 1st XI

A POOR batting display cost Walmer as they lost to Bromley in a low scoring game by 28 runs.

Bowling first at Hayes Lane, the visitors got off to a decent start. Barry Green took 4 for 56 and Peter Huntley 3 for 48 as Bromley were bowled out for just 151.

The total was vulnerable, but Walmer struggled. Opener Martyn North top scored with only 29 and a procession of low scores saw them all out for 123.

Bromley Town

	Runs
Paul Slamon ct North b Holiday	0
Alex Taylor ct Mitchell b Huntley	28
Tom Goodyear b Green	45
David Scoggins ct Parnell b Green	1
William Goodyear ct Holiday b Huntley	2
Ian Ferrier ct Parnell b Green	8
Angus Smart run out	7
Thomas Smith not out	25
Christopher Ramsey ct Parnell b Huntley	17
Matt Twose b Green	1
Ian Porter ct Parnell b Holiday	0
Extras (3lb 13w 1nb)	17
Total (all out, 38.1 overs)	151

Batters	0	M	R	W
Paul Holiday	7.1	1	23	2
Andrew Cotton	5	1	21	0
Barry Green	14	2	56	4
Peter Huntley	12	2	48	3

Walmer

	Runs
Martyn North ct Ramsey b Goodyear	29
Mark Aplin lbw b Goodyear	4
Mark Parnell b Ramsey	24
Peter Morris ct Smith b Twose	11
Andrew Cotton ct Smith b Taylor	12
Graeme North b Taylor	4
Barry Green ct Porter b Taylor	4
Paul Holiday run out	4
Tom Mitchell not out	9
Peter Huntley b Goodyear	0
Extras (5b 4lb 11w)	20
Total (10 wickets, 42.2 overs)	123

Batters	0	M	R	W
William Goodyear	13.2	3	36	4
Ian Porter	9	1	30	0
Christopher Ramsey	5	1	27	1
Matt Twose	7	1	12	1
Alex Taylor	8	4	10	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Folkestone 1st XI v

Sandwich Town 1st XI

STRUGGLING Folkestone caused a surprise as they thrashed in-form Sandwich Town by nine wickets at Cheriton Road.

The visitors posted a competitive 222 for 8 from their 50 overs, with Vishaul Singh (68) top scoring.

But an impressive reply from Folkestone made light work of the victory target, which they reached with the loss of just one wicket. Ashok Kadam guided them home to finish unbeaten on 96, alongside Essex and Holland all-rounder Ryan ten Doeschate (69 not out).

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Kadam b James	34
David Scoggins ct Ward b James	10
Robert Goatham lbw b James	3
Vishaul Singh lbw b Kadam	68
David Draper ct Kadam b James	14
Rhys Jones ct Kadam b ten Doeschate	0
James Bolt ct Graham b James	0
Tom Chapman ct ten Doeschate b Kadam	28
Gavin Lawrence not out	21
Craig Spanton not out	23
Peter van Poppel did not bat	
Extras (1lb 10lb 6w 4nb)	21
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	222

Batters	0	M	R	W
Michael James	15	2	47	5
Ashok Kadam	11.1	0	57	2
Ryan ten Doeschate	11	1	40	1
Ryan Currie	3.5	0	21	0
Andy Bray	9	0	46	0

Folkestone

	Runs
Ashok Kadam not out	96
Nick Graham ct Chapman b Spanton	50
Ryan ten Doeschate not out	69
Daniel Clark did not bat	
Joshua Bryen did not bat	
Laurence Ward did not bat	
Andy Bray did not bat	
Michael James did not bat	
Luke Sage did not bat	
Ryan Currie did not bat	
Stewart Graham did not bat	
Extras (1lb 1lb 1w 5nb)	8
Total (1 wicket, 37.5 overs)	223

Batters	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	1	57	1
David Draper	6	0	49	0
Peter van Poppel	6	1	37	0
Robert Goatham	3	0	25	0
Craig Snell	6	0	36	0
Tom Chapman	1.5	0	17	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Nonington 1st XI v

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI

NONINGTON leapfrogged Deal Victoria into second place in the table with a four wicket victory at Fredville Park.

Andrew Furness was the key man in Deal's innings, hitting 60 to give the visitors a platform.

But three wickets apiece from Josh Tutton and Rob Paton saw Deal slump to 165 all out. Good runs in Nonington's top order proved the difference and despite a flurry of wickets late on they got home with five balls to spare.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
Andrew Furness lbw b Paton	60
Mark Birkett ct Sadler b Stewart	2
Charles Mailli b Tutton	10
Matthew Carley ct Stewart b Tutton	31
David Gibb b Paton	11
Robbie Brannan ct Sadler b Tutton	0
Sam Killip not out	14
Stephen Moran ct Coulson b Paton	0
Scott McNamara run out	6
Graham McNamara run out	6
Alex Hinkins ct Burrett b Sadler	9
Extras (2b 8lb 6w)	16
Total (all out, 45.4 overs)	165

Batters	0	M	R	W
Jason Franks	8	1	26	0
Russell Stewart	6	2	21	1
Josh Tutton	12	1	42	3
Nick Blackman	2	0	16	0
Rob Paton	12	0	32	3
Matt Sadler	5.4	0	18	1

Nonington

	Runs
Nick Blackman b McNamara	4
Jamie Sadler lbw b Mailli	28
Kieron Burrett ct Mailli b Mailli	68
Rob Paton st Furness b McNamara	37
Carl Knowles st Furness b McNamara	2
Jason Franks b McNamara	7
Gary Coulson not out	3
Josh Tutton not out	5
Russell Stewart did not bat	
Matt Sadler did not bat	
Graham Burrett did not bat	
Extras (3b 2lb 9w)	14
Total (6 wickets, 45.1 overs)	168

Batters	0	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	2	0	4	0
Stephen Moran	10.1	0	35	0
Scott McNamara	11	0	56	1
Charles Mailli	12	1	35	2
Graham McNamara	10	2	33	3

Harrop to help Deal end ten years of hurt

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



SILVERWARE: New Deal coach Mark Harrop wants success for the side next season

IF Deal Town endure another barren season in 2009-10 it will mean they have gone ten years since their last success – the famous FA Vase triumph at Wembley in 2000.

But new first-team coach Mark Harrop is determined to ensure that Deal's long wait for a trophy comes to an end next season.

After taking a season out from the game, following a five-year spell as a coach at Ramsgate, 41-year-old Harrop is eager to get back into the fray at the Charles Ground.

He said: "I know Deal haven't won anything for quite a while, but I went to see them a couple of times last season and with the team they've got they should certainly be doing a lot better than finishing 12th in the Kent League – especially as [manager] Derek Hares has added two or three very good players to his squad."

Striker Mo Takaloo and midfielder Jason Brazier, both from

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town, plus Ramsgate defender Jake Eastwood are all expected to sign for Deal when they begin pre-season training this week.

Harrop – who enjoyed plenty of success during his long playing career, which included making over 400 appearances for Dover – said: "I have said to Derek [Hares] and chairman Stuart McCluskey that we definitely should be looking to win something next season, and preferably it will be the Kent League title."

"There's a lot of potential at Deal, what with their nice ground and new clubhouse, and I want to help them to start winning trophies again."

Deal's first pre-season friendly is at home to Suffolk side Needham Market on Sunday, July 12.

FOOTBALL



SAFE: Dover chairman Jim Parmenter (pictured) believes the club won't be affected by the collapse of Setanta

Dover chief says Setanta collapse won't hit Whites

DOVER Athletic chairman Jim Parmenter has assured supporters the collapse of television broadcaster Setanta will not directly affect the club.

The Irish television broadcaster, who signed a five-year deal with the Football Conference to screen 79 live games a season, went into administration last week.

With promotion to Blue Square South achieved last season, Dover were due to pick up £15,000 from the television deal.

Parmenter is disappointed his side will not feature on the box next season, but insisted the Setanta collapse will not affect the running of the club.

He told Yourdover: "Obviously we are disappointed by Setanta's collapse. It would have been nice to have had a couple of games on television and to be part of the deal."

Not budgeted

"The year after we were relegated from the Conference the first television deal came in and the year we come back into the Conference the deal has ended."

"However, we had not budgeted for the money from Setanta, so it would have been a bonus anyway. It shouldn't affect us."

Parmenter is content with the progress the club have made as the start of the Blue Square South season draws nearer. He believes Athletic will be in a position to announce more new additions soon.

He said: "I am happy with how pre-season has gone so far. Season ticket sales are up 20 per cent on last year and we already have 18 players signed up and ready to go."

"I think we will have a couple more additions to the squad in the coming weeks."

Manager Andy Hessenthaler returns from holiday next week and will run his eye over a number of trialists in training and pre-season friendlies.

Dover Athletic's first pre-season friendly will be at home to League Two side Barnet on July 11.

Business as usual despite Invicta financial turmoil

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley will attempt to maintain a sense of normality when pre-season training begins tomorrow despite the threat of administration hanging over the club.

The Seaside's board were expected to decide to take the club into the special measures last night after failing to raise new investment for the coming season.

Cugley's squad will reassemble for the first time since April on Thursday as they begin their preparations for the new season in August.

The Invicta boss told Yourshepway he would carry on as usual despite the uncertainty.

Impact

He said: "All I'm concentrating on is getting the squad ready. Unless I'm told otherwise I'll get on with training."

"The players don't really get involved in things like this, they just want to get together and play. Hopefully it will all get sorted out and we can kick on from what we achieved last season."

Administration is unlikely to have a huge impact on the playing squad for the moment.

The contracts of the eight players signed up to the club do not start until August and would still be honoured, while none of the others have raised concerns with Cugley about the future of the club.

One implication of the financial worries is the breakdown of talks between Cugley and transfer targets, which the Cheriton Road boss admits is frustrating.

He said: "I was talking to players but they are not going to come if they don't know what's going on at the club. Players want a bit of security, it's disappointing as a manager but there's nothing much I can do about it."

The problems have not affected the signings made so far this summer, with Sam Marsh and Michael Yianni expected to join up with



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

JOB TO DO: Folkestone manager Neil Cugley pre-season training will resume at Cheriton Road (right) tomorrow despite the threat of administration hanging over the club their new team-mates tomorrow. Another potential signing is striker Jacob Arnold-Smith, who enjoyed a successful loan spell from Gillingham late last season. The youngster will join up with Invicta for pre-season training.

Despite the optimism, administration would see Invicta hit with an automatic ten-point penalty which would see them begin the Ryman South campaign rock bottom.

Cugley said: "Whatever will be will be. The main thing for everybody is the club survives."



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